

request consideration and entry of all amendments and remarks set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the fourth full paragraph of the application on page 4, lines 24-28:

--The apparatus further includes a fastener and a terminal electrically connected to the electrofusion element operable to energize the electrofusion element. The fastener is operable to secure the apparatus to the plastic pipe.--

Attached Exhibit "A" is a marked-up copy of the above paragraph showing changes.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the sheet of drawings behind attached Exhibit "B" for the first sheet of drawings of Figures 1-5. Figures 2-3 have been labeled prior art as suggested by Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel pending claims ~~1~~, ~~14-15~~ and ~~25~~ and amend claims ~~2~~, ~~9~~, ~~13~~, ~~24~~ and ~~26~~. Please note that attached Exhibit C provides a marked-up copy of all claims showing changes to the amended claims. The following is a clean copy, including an indication of the status, of all claims: